

**National Risk Management Research Laboratory
Environmental Technology Verification Funding Announcement**

ANNOUNCEMENT TYPE: Initial

FUNDING INSTRUMENT: Cooperative Agreement

NUMBER: EPA-ORD-NRMRL-CI-08-01

DATES:

OPENING DATE: December 12, 2007

CLOSING DATE: January 28, 2008

The closing date and time for postmark of applications or electronic receipt of applications is January 28, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. EST. All applications must be post marked or submitted thru Grants.gov as described in Section IV., by the closing date and time to receive consideration. No late proposals will be accepted.

To allow efficient management of the competitive process, EPA requests submittal of an informal notice of an "Intent to Apply," by January 7, 2008. Submission of "Intent to Apply" is optional; it is a process management tool that will allow EPA to better anticipate the total staff time required for efficient review, evaluation, and selection of submitted proposals.

TITLE: Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) Centers

ACTION: Request for Applications (RFA)

CATEGORY OF FUNDING: Environment

NUMBER OF EXPECTED AWARDS: Five

This notice solicits assistance applications to operate five Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) Centers (**Greenhouse Gas Technology Center (GHG); Drinking Water Systems Center (DWS); Water Quality Protection Center (WQP); Air Pollution Control Technology Center (APCT); and Materials Management and Remediation Center (MMR)**).

CEILING: Up to \$3,000,000 per agreement (up to \$15,000,000 for all ETV Centers)

EPA anticipates awarding up to five separate cooperative agreements (one for each of the five technology Centers being competed) from this announcement. Funding for each ETV Center is anticipated up to \$1,000,000 per year and up to \$3,000,000 over the three year period of performance. However, due to potential budget constraints, funding of the ETV Centers is uncertain and therefore the amount of funding for each center is **subject to the availability of funding. However, some ETV Centers have funding levels that are expected for specific types of activities. Each Center's expected funding is set forth in Section II.A.**

While funding of these agreements is subject **to the availability of funds**, EPA provides non-monetary support to cooperators through technical Quality Assurance. Furthermore, each Center has the right to generate program income (see Section III.C. of this announcement). Program income means gross income earned by the recipient that is directly generated by the EPA supported activity or earned as a result of the award during the project period. In the past, centers have generated program income from sources under the agreement through fees charged to vendors for verification testing of their technologies.

**COST SHARING OR
MATCHING:**

Cost sharing is not required by statute or regulation; however, voluntary cost sharing will be evaluated in accordance with evaluation criteria set forth in Section V.

PROGRAM INCOME:

The applicant's ability to generate program income is an eligibility criterion set forth in Section III.C. Furthermore, the extent to which applicants propose generation of program income will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth in Section V.

The recipient will have the opportunity to generate program income from sources under each of the five ETV Centers. Rough per year averages over the past four years including in-kind and cash are as follows: APCT (\$300K); DWS (\$225K); GHG (\$270K); WQP (\$375K); MMR (no historical data). While program income is part of ETV agreements, EPA does not guarantee specified levels of program income (see Section III.C.).

GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION: Not Applicable

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: Programs under CFDA 66.511 are available to each State, territory and possession, and Tribal nation of the United States, including the District of Columbia, for public and private State universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, State and local government departments, and other public or private nonprofit institutions and in some cases, individuals who have demonstrated unusually high scientific ability. **Profit-making firms are not eligible to receive awards under this announcement.** Eligible nonprofit organizations include any organizations that meet the definition of nonprofit in OMB Circular A-122. However, nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply. Universities and educational institutions must be subject to OMB Circular A-21.

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA), National Risk Management Research Laboratory, Water Supply Water Resources Division, Air Pollution, Prevention and Control Division, and Land Remediation and Pollution Control Division

DESCRIPTION:

The goal of the ETV Centers is to provide objective, quality-assured performance verifications of technologies across a broad spectrum of environmental technology categories. Through operation of the ETV Centers, cooperators will help organizations, industries, businesses, states, communities, and individuals make better-informed decisions when selecting new environmental technologies. Applicants who propose on multiple Centers must submit a separate application for each Center (see Threshold Eligibility Criteria, Section III.C.3). **EPA will not consider applications for more than one Center that are consolidated in a single proposal. Applications for funding for more than one Center that are not separate will be rejected.**

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Application Materials

You may submit either a printed application or an electronic application (but not both) for this announcement. The printed application must be submitted for the Center of interest to the address as specified in Section IV.C. To apply electronically, the electronic application package available through the <http://www.grants.gov/> web site must be used. If your organization is not currently registered with Grants.gov, you need to allow approximately one week for completion of the registration process. This registration, and electronic submission of your application, must be performed by an appropriate representative of your organization.

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